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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Documents AC was first cited in a Chinese Office Action dated August 3, 2007. A copy of the office action and translation is also attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after issuance of a first official action on the merits and expiration of the three month period following filing of the above-captioned application, but prior to issuance of either a final official action or a Notice of Allowance. Commissioner is directed to charge to Deposit Account No. 01-2340 the sum of the \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee that is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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